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1. IN MEETING WITH ACTING PRESIDENT MUBARAK THIS MORNING, HE TOLD ME THAT WEIZMAN HAD JUST SENT ANOTHER MESSAGE TO GAMASY IN REPLY TO THE LATTER'S LAST MESSAGE. (WE HAVE SEEN ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS OF ANOTHER WEIZMAN MESSAGE TO GAMASY.) MUBARAK THEN GAVE ME THE TEXTS OF THE LAST GAMASY REPLY TO WEIZMAN AND OF WEIZMAN'S MOST RECENT MESSAGE WHICH WAS RECEIVED HERE YESTERDAY. TEXTS FOLLOW:

2. GAMASY MESSAGE TO WEIZMAN, DATED JULY 1. QUOTE:

DEAR GENERAL WEIZMAN

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE IN WHICH YOU PROPOSE THAT A MEETING BETWEEN US TAKE PLACE TO DISCUSS CERTAIN ITEMS THAT YOU ENUMERATED. --

WHILE I THINK THAT A MEETING, UNDER APPROPRIATE CIRCUMSTANCES, MIGHT AT SOME STAGE BE USEFUL, I WOULD LIKE TO
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STRESS THAT SINCE YOU MENTION THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AS EXPRESSED BY ITS DECISION OF JUNE 18, 1978, YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE THAT THIS POSITION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE ANY NEW ELEMENT THAT WOULD HELP TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE TO ENSURE PRODUCTIVE AND UNHINDERED NEGOTIATIONS.

WE CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO TAKE POSITIONS THAT WILL HELP THE PEACE PROCESS TO MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WHEN THIS HAPPENS, CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS CAN BE RESUMED BETWEEN US. LET ME SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TELL YOU THAT I HAVE SHOWN PRESIDENT SADAT BOTH YOUR MESSAGE AND THIS REPLY. AS YOU KNOW PRESIDENT SADAT STILL HOLDS A SOFT SPOT FOR YOU, BUT HE SAID THAT THE DECISION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT THAT YOU MENTION IS RELATED TO THE OLD CONCEPTIONS THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED AFTER HIS VISIT TO JERUSALEM. WHILE THE PRESIDENT SENDS YOU HIS REGARDS, HE WOULD LIKE THAT ANY RESUMPTION OF THE DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN US SHOULD BE BASED ON THE NEW CONCEPTION NAMELY:

- A. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT PEACE.
 - B. MUTUAL SECURITY TO BE DISCUSSED.
 - C. MUTUAL RESPECT TO THE INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED.
 - D. AS WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO OVERCOME ALL THE PROBLEMS AND OLD CONCEPTIONS, WE SHOULD BE READY TO WORK IN CONFIDENCY (SIC), CANDOR AND DISCRETION AS THE PRESIDENT TOLD YOU IN YOUR LAST VISIT TO US.
- I WOULD LIKE THEN (SIC) BE MOST WILLING TO MEET WITH YOU AT THE TIME AND PLACE WE WOULD AGREE UPON.

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3. LATEST WEIZMAN MESSAGE TO GAMASY, DATED JULY 9. QUOTE:

DEAR GENERAL GAMASSY,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT REPLY. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT OUR GENUINE DESIRE IS TO ACHIEVE PERMANENT PEACE. IT IS THEREFORE MY FIRM BELIEF THAT DIRECT TALKS SHOULD BE RESUMED. FRANKLY, WE MUST NOT ALLOW MISAPPREHENSIONS OF EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS TO HINDER PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN US.

LET ME RESTATE MY VIEW THAT, IN OUR PURSUIT OF PERMANENT PEACE, WE BOTH MUST INDEED GIVE THE UTMOST CONSIDERATION TO THE QUESTION OF MUTUAL SECURITY.

CLEARLY WE STILL HAVE MANY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS TO OVERCOME. MUTUAL CONFIDENCE MUST AND CAN BE BUILT BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. I BELIEVE THAT THIS CAN BEST BE SERVED THROUGH DIRECT CONTACTS. IN FRANKNESS AND DISCRETION,

ALL AVENUES CAN BE EXPLORED.
IN THAT SPIRIT, I PROPOSE THAT WE MEET AT YOUR EARLIEST
CONVENIENCE.

PLEASE CONVEY MY RESPECTS TO THE PRESIDENT.

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4. ASKED WHAT THE EGYPTIAN REPLY WILL BE TO THE LATEST WEIZMAN MESSAGE, MUBARAK SAID HIS RECOMMENDATION TO SADAT WILL BE THAT NO ANSWER BE SENT UNTIL AFTER THE LONDON TALKS. WITH KAMEL ABOUT TO MEET DAYAN IN LONDON, AND WITH JUST CONCLUDED MEETINGS BETWEEN SADAT AND PERES AND GOLDMAN IN AUSTRIA, MUBARAK THOUGHT THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE NEED FOR A WEIZMAN/GAMASY MEETING. HE REITERATED HIS HIGH REGARD FOR WEIZMAN, HOWEVER, AND OPINED THAT WEIZMAN IS GENUINELY TRYING TO FACILITATE THE PEACE PROCESS. SINCE WEIZMAN MUST WORK IN THE CONTEXT OF WHAT MUBARAK CALLED "BEGIN'S INFLEXIBILITY," IT IS DIFFICULT FOR WEIZMAN, BUT HE DESERVES CREDIT FOR TRYING. DEPENDING UPON HOW THE LONDON TALKS COME OUT, MUBARAK THOUGHT THAT A LATER WEIZMAN/GAMASY MEETING MIGHT BE USEFUL. I SAID WE SHARE THE VIEW THAT AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME, ANOTHER GAMASY/WEIZMAN MEETING COULD BE HELPFUL.

5. FYI: MUBARAK NOTED THAT EGYPTIAN REPLIES TO THE WEIZMAN MESSAGES, ALTHOUGH SIGNED BY GAMASY, ARE BEING HANDLED WITHIN GOE ENTIRELY AS POLITICAL MATTERS. GAMASY

IS NOT INVOLVED IN DRAFTING. THE DRAFTING IS DONE
PRIMARILY IN THE VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE, USUALLY BY
USAMA AL BAZ, IS THEN SHOWN TO SADAT FOR APPROVAL OR
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ANY CHANGES THE PRESIDENT MAY CARE TO MAKE (MUBARAK SAID
SADAT USUALLY MAKES A FEW CHANGES), AND IS FINALLY
SENT TO GAMASY FOR TRANSMISSION. REQUEST THAT ISRAELIS
NOT BE INFORMED THAT MUBARAK HAS MADE THE TEXTS OF THE
WEIZMAN/GAMASY EXCHANGES AVAILABLE TO US. END FYI.
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